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## FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 3, 2016/2017

### BCT1824 – CRITICAL THINKING

(Distance Education)

26 May 2017  
9.00 – 11.00 a.m.  
(2 hours)

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#### INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This Question Paper consists of **TWO** parts and **6** pages (*excluding* this cover page).
2. Please answer **ALL** questions.
  - **Part A:** Multiple Choice Questions (20 marks).
  - **Part B:** Structured Questions (80 marks)
3. For Part A, shade your answers in the OMR sheet provided.
4. For Part B, write your answers in the answer booklet provided.

**PART A: Multiple Choice Questions (20marks)**

1. An example of a claim of fact is \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. People who promote dogfighting as a sport should be subject to the maximum penalties for animal cruelty.
  - B. Beagles are currently ranked the fourth most popular dog in the U.S.
  - C. To learn responsibility for others, every child should have a pet of some kind.
  - D. When you are shopping for a pet, the first place you should look is your local humane society.
2. One difference between inductive and deductive arguments is that \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. only inductive arguments begin with statements that are assumed to be correct.
  - B. only deductive arguments follow a pattern of "If that is so, then this is so . . ."
  - C. inductive arguments move from specific to general whereas deductive arguments move from general to specific.
  - D. only inductive arguments use major and minor premises.
3. When you are evaluating evidence, it is important to remember that \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. personal experience should always be accepted as proof.
  - B. examples should not be used by themselves to prove the concept they illustrate.
  - C. statistics always give the most accurate picture of a situation.
  - D. comparisons or analogies should never be used in arguments.
4. The primary difference between a fact and an opinion is that a fact \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. is always true.
  - B. expresses a feeling or belief.
  - C. is not a reliable source of information.
  - D. can be verified.
5. A successful argument is one that makes a claim about an issue and then \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. discredits all other viewpoints.
  - B. supports the claim with evidence.
  - C. makes additional claims.
  - D. calls the audience to action.

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6. "The company streamlined its operations in several key markets" is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. an allusion  
B. a generalization  
C. a cliché  
D. a euphemism
7. The argument "A person who feels angry with his/her child is a bad parent and should feel guilty. Chong sometimes feel angry towards his child. Therefore, he is a bad parent and should feel guilty" is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. valid, good  
B. valid, bad  
C. invalid, bad  
D. invalid, strong
8. The argument "No dogs meow. Mimi meows. Therefore, Mimi is not a dog" is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. valid, good  
B. valid, bad  
C. invalid, bad  
D. invalid, strong
9. The argument "Andy manages a coffee shop. He drives a new BMW. So, coffee shop managers must make good money" is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. valid, good  
B. invalid, bad  
C. invalid, strong  
D. invalid, weak
10. The argument "Some cats meow. Mimi is a cat. Therefore, Mimi meows" is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. valid, good  
B. invalid, bad  
C. invalid, strong  
D. invalid, weak

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**PART B: STRUCTURED QUESTIONS (80 marks)****Q1: SHORT ANSWER (20 marks)**

Many people including many highly educated and intelligent people find critical thinking is difficult because they are not aware of the barriers. Identify **FIVE (5) of these barriers** and **FIVE (5) benefits** of critical thinking. (20 marks)

**Q2: FALLACY IDENTIFICATION (10 marks)**

Please **identify the types of fallacy** (e.g., False generalization - Hasty; Ad hominen – abusive, etc.) committed in the following passages. (10 marks)

- a) Jenifer's book *Crying* should be awarded this year's Pulitzer Prize for literature. Jenifer, as you know, recently lost both her children, and her house was destroyed due to the earthquake.
- b) Everybody is reading JK Rowling's new book, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. It must be good.
- c) A couple of weeks ago, I received a chain letter that said bad luck would come my way if I did not send the letter on to at least 10 people I knew. I mumbled something about superstitious nonsense and threw the letter away. Bad move! The very next day I was attacked by a Rottweiler, got dumped by my girlfriend, and was fired from my job. Once is enough. You can bet that next time I get a chain letter, I will do exactly what it says.
- d) Bob: I notice you drink a lot of coffee in Styrofoam cups. Each year Americans throw away 25 billion Styrofoam cups, and they're not biodegradable. Have you ever considered switching to a reusable coffee mug?  
Joan: Don't give me that! If you're so keen on saving the earth, why don't you recycle all those aluminum cans you drink from?
- e) If we don't earn RM100,000 by next week, we will have to close down the company.

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**Q3: ARGUMENT COMPOSITION (20 marks)****Malaysia passes child sex crimes law, does not ban child marriage**

KUALA LUMPUR A Malaysian MP said girls as young as nine were "physically and spiritually" ready for marriage, as the Muslim-majority Southeast Asian country passed a law on sexual offences against children without criminalizing child marriage.

Shabudin Yahaya, a member of the Barisan Nasional coalition, made the comments in response to a proposal by an opposition member of parliament to amend the Sexual Offences Against Children bill to include a ban on child marriages.

The proposal was voted down by the majority of parliament.

"They reach puberty at the age of nine or 12. And at that time, their body is already akin to them being 18 years old. So physically and spiritually, it is not a barrier for the girl to marry," Shabudin said on Tuesday during a debate on the bill.

He also said there was "nothing wrong" with a rape victim marrying her rapist as she would then not face a "bleak future". Shabudin's comments sparked outrage on social media, with some opposition politicians asking for him to be fired.

In a statement on Wednesday, Shabudin said his comments were taken out of context, and that marriage was not a "back door exit to legalize rape." He said he rejected the motion to ban child marriages as it was contrary to provisions in sharia law.

Under both civil law and Islamic law, girls and boys younger than 18 can be married. Civil law sets the minimum age of marriage at 18, but those above 16 can be married with the permission of their state's chief minister.

Under Islamic law, children younger than 16 can get married if the Shariah courts allow it. The law passed on Tuesday makes no mention of child marriage. It criminalizes "grooming" - touching and befriending children as a prelude to sexual abuse - and spells out penalties for making and possessing pornography involving those under 18. A special court will also be set up under the new law to deal with child sexual abuse cases more quickly.

The maximum penalty under the law is a jail term of up to 30 years and six strokes of the whip for making, possessing or distributing child pornography. The new law comes into effect ten months after British pedophile Richard Huckle was found guilty of abusing up to 200 babies and children, mostly in Malaysia.

Reuters reported last year that most complaints of child sexual abuse in Malaysia do not lead to successful prosecutions, largely due to weaknesses in the criminal justice system. Only 140 of the 12,987 cases of child sexual abuse reported to police between 2012 and July 2016 resulted in convictions.

"The law is more stringent now... but not enough," Teo Nie Ching, the opposition MP who proposed the ban child marriages, told Reuters. She said offenders would use the absence of a ban on child marriages to get away with crimes as marital rape is not a crime in Malaysia.

There have been several cases over the years of rapists marrying their victim, including those under 18, to avoid prosecution.

Reporting by A. Ananthalakshmi & Rozanna Latiff; Editing by Nick Macfie

(source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-malaysia-sexcrimes-law-idUSKBN1770ZH>)

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Questions:

What is your stand on **child marriage**? Present your opinion in an argumentative essay.

You should state:

1. (C)=ONE Conclusion (2 marks)
2. (P1)=Premise 1 (4 marks)
3. (SA)=ONE Supporting Argument (to support P1) (5 marks)
4. (P2)=Premise 2 (4 marks)
5. (ANEC)=ONE Anecdote (to support P2) (5 marks)

#### **Q4: PROBLEM SOLVING (30 marks)**

**Instruction:** Read the following news article, and help the entrepreneur to solve the problem.

##### **Use of e-Commerce platform by Malaysia SMEs still low**

TAWAU: The use of the e-Commerce platform by entrepreneurs of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Malaysia is still low and needs to be enhanced.

International Trade and Industry (Miti) Deputy Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan said there is a fear that these entrepreneurs would be left behind and fail to strengthen themselves in the market, if they did not ready themselves to take advantage of the Digital Free Trade Zone (DFTZ) which provides conducive platforms such as alibaba.com for cross-border trade.

"Platforms, including alibaba.com, must be used, so that local products can enter and compete in the global market. I know that to date, of the 645,000 SMES, only 10,000 have registered with alibaba.com. We also have a lot more e-Commerce platforms, including ebay and amazon.com," he told reporters here today.

Ahmad who was on a working visit, met with the UMNO IT Bureau here and in Semporna. At the same time, he also visited three SMEs here, namely the Suria Bakery, Asmah Dental Clinic (Spa Dental) and Putra Gymnasium, as well as 1Q Mineral Water in Semporna. Ahmad advised SME entrepreneurs throughout the country to master the relevant knowledge and technology needed to enhance their products and compete in the e-Commerce platform.

"I understand that those entrepreneurs who use the e-Commerce platform succeed in improving their marketing by as much as 300 per cent," he said.

He said SME entrepreneurs who want to market their products outside the country will be assisted by agencies under Miti such as the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (Matrade), which offers trade advice on understanding strategies to penetrate the global market, including promotional programmes.

"What is important is that SME entrepreneurs are smart in seeking information at [www.matrade.gov.my](http://www.matrade.gov.my) and [www.smecorp.gov.my](http://www.smecorp.gov.my), to grab the opportunities to progress," Ahmad added.

--Bernama

(source: <http://english.astroawani.com/business-news/use-ecommerce-platform-malaysia-smes-still-low-137632>)

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## Questions:

1. Formulate a problem statement by identifying the expectation, reality and gap which exist in the issue above. (6 marks)

Expectation: \_\_\_\_\_

Reality: \_\_\_\_\_

Gap: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Using the **Kepner-Tregoe Analysis**, formulate **TEN (10) relevant questions** to help you to analyse the problem. (10 marks)
3. Using the SCAMPER technique, what questions will you ask in order to guide you (as a new entrepreneur) to the possible solutions? (14 marks)

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